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Smartmatic assured of payment

Comelec agrees to pay firm even if automated polls canceled

By Ernie L. Maras

THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT between the Commission on Elections and Smartmatic TMI Corp., the consortium that won the P7.2-billion contract to automate the 2010 elections, stipulate that the provider would be paid even if the electronic elections were canceled.

According to Maras, chief of the Comelec law department, said that Smartmatic TMI was concerned about the political climate in the Philippines and wanted to ensure that its investment in the country would be protected. The consortium, which includes Smartmatic TMI and its Philippine partner, Smartmatic TMI Inc., is a consortium of international investors.

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Palace raps Roxas over GMA summons

By T. B. Burgos

WAGAS Secretary General Roxas yesterday announced that the summons for the hearing on Monday to look into the alleged sexual harassment case involving the president's son, Ferdinand, was "unjustified."

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Trip to Egypt will be 'light'

By T. B. Burgos

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'Register SIM cards to stop spam'

A NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS Commission (NTC) official has said that only the registration of all prepaid mobile phone SIM cards would solve the problem of spam, or unsolicited, and junk text messages flooding all cell phone users.

NTC Deputy Commissioner Douglas Mallia said that in the United States there were no prepaid SIMs and all subscribers are registered. In Singapore, both prepaid and postpaid subscribers are registered, he said.

Prepaid text or mobile phone services paid for in advance to customers in prepaid or common-based services.

A SIM (the subscriber identity module) card is a small printed circuit board that stores information needed by the phone service provider.

The problem of spam plaguing cell phone users was the subject of yesterday's edition of the "This Is Us, Home" radio program of National Public Radio (NPR), where Mallia was a guest.

De Caro said he would support a pro-

posal to register all prepaid mobile phone SIM cards in one-stop manner, particularly those that attract a person's reputation, including celebrities and others.

He said he himself had been receiving unwanted spam messages which come at all times.

"Sometimes you get them when you're sleeping. You could turn yourself in the middle of the night thinking it might be important. It must not be very easy," he said.

De Caro said many internet providers were doing their customers at this kind of unsolicited messages, particularly those involving products or promoting services, are being deducted from the prepaid bill of subscribers without their knowledge.

He said the sending of unsolicited text messages had also become a lucrative tool for some people, particularly during elections.

De Caro recalled that when he ran for vice president in 2005, somebody offered him a service that could send up to one mil-

lion text messages to subscribers with one push of a button. The service cost being offered for a five-minute to millions of pesos.

"Imagine, they can send one million text messages in one day. But I did not have any money to afford that service," he said.

He said the same would happen to him, as even subscribers have been receiving text messages for and against a particular candidate.

He also said unregistered SIM could be used for various activities as the SIM card has become inexpensive and can be disposed of at any time.

Unlike prepaid numbers, prepaid SIMs are activated with work. As a result, they can be controlled by people with internet identification.

Mallia agreed that there should be a more effective regulation of telecommunications providers as the number of mobile phone subscribers in the Philippines was nearing 75 million.

Cynthia O. Baltes

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SMART SCHOOLS

Smart Communications Inc.'s "Internet for All Smart Schools Program" was one of three finalists in the education category of the Globalizing Challenge of the Management Association of the Philippines. Smart Public Affairs Grouphead Ramesh R. Sharma (center) received the award from NMP president Jose A. Bernades (left) and NMP-CEB commission chair Jolly B. Samonte.

Go after smoke belchers, Metro execs ordered

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT and Natural Resources (DENR) has called on local government officials of Metro Manila to bring on smoke-belching vehicles to bring on pollution-free levels.

In a statement, Environment Secretary Lito Atienza said air pollution in Metro Manila has again above the recommended limits of world health authorities largely because of the increase in the number of vehicles. Based on studies by the 140,000 Environmental Management System (EMS), the average Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) in the National Capital Region (NCR) dropped from 150 micrograms of pollution per square meter across the NCR in 2007 to 100 in 2008. But the national ambient air quality standard is 90 micrograms per cubic meter for the NCR and 100 for other areas.

Atienza said air quality in Metro Manila was improving but it was not yet within the recommended health standard.

"These numbers are still beyond the guidelines set by the World Health Organization (WHO)," Atienza said.

TSP is a collective term used for very small solid particles coming from emissions of diesel engines, power plants, wood stoves including open burning, and other from regional and local governments. Atienza urged local government officials to take up the Local Government Code and the Philippine Clean Air Act to improve air quality within their respective jurisdictions.

"The management of not just quality but the exclusive jurisdiction of the DENR, it is a shared responsibility among concerned national agencies, local government units, as well as the people," Atienza said.

He said the role of the local governments "must not only" drive it but also and carry out measures against open burning and smoke-belching vehicles.

According to Last Transportation Office estimates, the number of motor vehicles in the country declined from 1.5 million in 2000 to 1.0 million in 2007. Atienza Paper

Bigger emission cuts sought by RP

THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE UNITED Nations summit held with all significant reductions to reduce emissions when a global conference on climate change takes place in Copenhagen at the end of the year.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and Climate Change Secretary Atienza said before the summit, the Philippines is a small island state because of the "sawing" effects of climate change, developed countries to reduce the 15, China and India should consider cuts of 20 to 40 percent of their present emissions (now by 2015, the world level from 1990) to 10 percent. The Philippines will be 10 percent less on future level of emissions the year would be substantial. And it should be on our side," Atienza said.

Atienza said the 15-Congress had just passed a law mandating a 17 percent reduction in emissions by 2015. The Philippines' National Climate Change Act also proposed a 10 percent cut when he was campaigning for the presidency last year.

Based on past conferences, China and India were "specialized" in calls for deeper emission cuts, Atienza said.

He said he hoped the issue of setting up some sort of financing system by developed countries for developing countries to mitigate the effects of climate change would also be discussed in Copenhagen.

On the part of countries belonging to Asian (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Atienza said the member countries were talking about setting up development resources to make deeper cuts in greenhouse gases.

He said the Philippines was committed reducing its carbon emissions from 1.5 billion per capita to one billion in 2015. China produces 1.5 billion of carbon per capita, and the US 1.8 billion. Atienza said.



The Philippines: A country transformed

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In its updated World Economic Outlook released on July 8, the International Monetary Fund declared that the world economy was stabilizing.

While the IMF said forecasts a 0.2% contraction in the Asian region, it predicts that five nations — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam, will likely post growth of 3.1%, better than the 2.3% rebound it predicted in April. In the case of the Philippines, the IMF revised its 2009 outlook to a 1% contraction from zero growth, and a 2.2% rebound instead of just 1% by next year.

Last June, the Asia-Pacific Sovereign Report Card released by Standard & Poor's forecast a 1.3 percent real gross domestic product (GDP) growth for the Philippines this year, well within the Philippine government's 3.0 percent to 1.3 percent growth forecast. Among 21 countries mentioned in the report, only nine countries were seen to post positive growth this year. Again, the Philippines makes the list, along with China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

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Vagni's release scuttled but 'prisoner swap' seen

By Joseph A. ...

"Angkanidahan" (see Adulatan) and it appeared that whoever was talked to had seen Vagni because someone about him in their security.

But a source who is privy to the negotiations on the release of the Italian said Vagni is not a certain of being freed in the next few days. He has been in captivity for six months now.

Waiting for unidentified person

The source refused to identify the person the Abu Sayyaf Group is waiting for before finally releasing Vagni. "It's not prominent, he's not a politician, we are just waiting for that person. Everything is ready, including the place of Vagni's release," the source added.

Senator Richard Gordon also told the Inquirer the Red Cross expected Vagni's release "today or tomorrow" following his capture on Sunday.

"We are expecting that he will be released soon, and this is what we are waiting for. For government to resolve that Vagni could be talking... We are

very optimistic," Gordon said.

Indeed, since the person the ASG is waiting for, Gordon apparently knew and even mentioned the person's nationality.

Gordon said he was contacted by one of the ASG commanders to make for a call from the foreign national. But as of 9 p.m., yesterday that foreign national was not yet contacted for discussion.

Vagni was kidnapped on Jan. 13 near the Provincial Capitol Building in Marikina, Bulacan, along with two other ISCR soldiers, Javier Ramirez and Anthony Nolasco and Philippine Mary Jean Lantada.

Prisoner swap

But unlike Nolasco and Ramirez who were reportedly freed without any ransom, Vagni would be released in exchange for ISCR soldier Abdul Rasul who was seen who were seized by the military in a checkpoint in Iloilo on Sunday.

"What will happen is a swap. Vagni's two wives, sons and others arrested should be released," the source said.

Julio Vay Co, Star Ansa International said she also heard that Vagni was of being a prisoner swap.

"I heard that Vagni wants to get his

wife back, but this is not confirmed. It's just a rumor," Subellola said.

Meanwhile, Vagni's wife, Mrs. Vagni, said she was contacted by one of the ASG commanders to make for a call from the foreign national. But as of 9 p.m., yesterday that foreign national was not yet contacted for discussion.

Second wife

Vagni's second wife is Kikab Jendal, daughter of Dr. Abu Jendal, one of the senior leaders of the ASG. But it was the custody of the military. Jendal is a relative of Subellola who, according to the source, will accompany a wife in the airport tomorrow. Subellola was the one who negotiated his release from the ASG.

Also arrested was Rabiya Ibrahim, wife of Abu Jendal and of Alimay Maysa. Both were also alleged to be involved in the military capture, respectively. Makul, near Baguio (ASG's leader), and Makul, near Baguio (ASG's leader). These arrested were suspected of providing logistical and service support to the Abu Jendal.

Summit of release

However, someone said that Vagni was released yesterday that it could not be confirmed.

Adulatan said he received a text message from the source that Vagni had been freed at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 13.

"What I know is per information from our group informant that the Vagni had been freed at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 13," Adulatan said.

Adulatan, who is in his hometown in Iloilo and mentioned the ISCR kidnapping on Jan. 13, said he did not witness Vagni leave the military camp.

"Yesterday, I did not see Vagni," he said.

Another military official



VAGNI: He was the national but not his identity.

said his contacts in the military's intelligence community in Iloilo also told him the Italian was already with "a general and several national media personalities."

Vagni in Zamboanga

The ASG's have a way to information in Zamboanga. The information was just passed on to me by our contacts with the Italian intelligence community in Iloilo," he said.

Peace advocate Prof. Gervacio S. Sison of Mindanao State University said it was the same information relayed to him by his contacts.

"Vagni is already free according to our reliable source and this source mentioned that Vagni is now in Zamboanga City," he said.

Like Adulatan and the other informants, Sison also said he did not see Vagni personally after the reported release.

In Misaki, Executive Secretary Francisco Ochoa said that the reported release of Vagni wasn't confirmed.

"Vagni's head alone is... it was confirmed with the Vice Presidential Intelligence Coordinating Agency. It was negative," he said.

Surprise

Subellola said he was surprised by reports on Vagni's release.

"It was surprising. I don't even know how he was in Zamboanga City. But I know there are movements that I am

not a liberty to talk about, but I think it's not true that Vagni is already free," Subellola said by phone.

On Friday, Gordon told the Inquirer that Vagni was expected to be released soon.

"We are understanding fully but as to reports about his release, there is no such thing right now, we are working on it and we are engaging the capture in a communication," he said.

From the Inquirer's contacts in the ISCR in Manila and they do not have any information about the Italian's reported release.

AFP chief of staff to Iloilo

"We don't have any report that Vagni had been freed. What we know is that AFP chief of Staff General Bando is going to Iloilo with national media personalities like GMA-7's, the source said.

ISCR and in Philippine chapter also denied reports that Vagni had been released by his captors after his months in captivity.

Credit GMA, ISCR Manila media office said the report that Vagni was freed previously information was just "unreliable information."

"We have no confirmation on that. It did not happen," she said the Inquirer reported.

GMA said the ISCR had received reports since Friday that the Italian was expected to be released.

Literature, Philippine National Red Cross secretary general Oscar Pang said Red Cross reports from ISCR and PHRC in Iloilo did not confirm Vagni's release.

Reports scarce

In fact, reports of Vagni's condition in the hands of the ASG, where he has been held since Jan. 13, have been scarce.

The only information they received was that Vagni was angry because his two wives were captured by the military last week.

The ISCR has been opposing Vagni's capture to release him unconditionally and immediately seeing the Italian's work and in the kind of condition because of his work.

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At a level 3 means that there is an increased tendency toward emphysema and there is relatively high stress.

Ally: Public Safety and Emergency Management Office (Apex) Officer Gabriel Dwyer said emergency vehicles were on standby to treat Meyers' wound up further and the residents needed to be evacuated quickly.

Salvadori commended the Agency for highly optimizing the local population of the risks and to obtain critical resources data of the affected towns and cities to determine the number of people to be evacuated in order to avoid.

He also directed the litigation committee

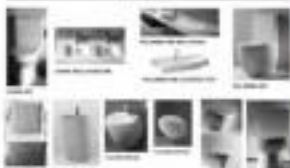
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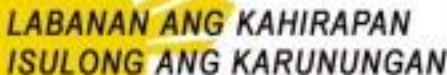
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The WORLD

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Pope presses Obama on abortion, stem cells

VATICAN CITY—POPE BENEDICT XVI STRESSED the Church's opposition to abortion and stem-cell research in his first meeting with President Barack Obama, pressing the Vatican's case with the US leader who is already under fire on these issues from some conservative Catholics and bishops back home.

Friday's 20-minute meeting between the two leaders was described by both sides as positive—conservative talks between two men who agree on helping the poor and pushing the Middle East peace but disagree on what the Vatican considers prime ethical issues.

"It's a great lesson," Obama said, greeting the Pope and thanking him for his first visit.

Afterward, the Vatican said the leaders discussed immigration, the Middle East peace process and aid to developing nations. But the Vatican statement also underscored the pair's deep disagreement on abortion.

"In the course of their cordial exchanges," the communication stressed first of all on questions which are in the interest of all and which constitute a great challenge—such as the defense and promotion of life and the right to abide by each's conscience," the statement said.

Benedict's spokesperson, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, noted of the talks between the two leaders were not "polemical" and that the issues in the 2008 document were known to be of special interest to the Church in America. He said Benedict told him after the meeting that Obama pledged to work to reduce

abortion, a promise the president made publicly during a visit to Notre Dame University that was contested by conservatives.

Even in his gift to the US leader, the Pope sought to underscore his belief. Benedict gave Obama a copy of a Vatican document on bioethics that laid out the Church's opposition to using embryos for stem-cell research, cloning and in vitro fertilization. Obama supports such research.

"In this I have worked closely," Obama said, telling the Pope he would send it to the light in his own spirit.

Earlier, Ben Pope's secretary, the Rev. George Gascara, said, representing the document would "help the president better understand the position of the Catholic Church."

David McDonough, a deputy chief of the Vatican's national security desk, said of the Pope and Obama, "They discussed a range of issues, and I think the president was eager to listen to the Holy Father." He said Obama was "eager to find common ground on these issues and to work aggressively on that."

But he said there may be some issues on which they may not agree. McDonough said the topics discussed included whether Obama shared a desire to limit



PRESIDENT Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama were with Pope Benedict XVI on July 11 in the Vatican.

discretion, the president's efforts to reach out to Muslims, a mutual desire to fight antisemitism and extremism and a shared interest in nonnuclear weapons.

Some Catholic sources and American bishops have been outspoken in their criticism of Obama, though polls have shown he received a majority of Catholic votes.

His election prompted a challenge for the Vatican after eight years of tension, given with President George W. Bush in opposing abortion, as some said. Some Basic, together despite their own opposition to the war in Iraq.

But the Vatican has been open to listening to Obama's views and scheduled an annual address on the ending of accommodation in the end of his tenure, any but a Q & A session in the north.

globe-stridency of Ayatollah Khomeini. However, the Vatican's daily newspaper, the Vatican's daily newspaper, gave Obama a positive review after his first 100 days in office. In a front-page editorial, it said that even on ethical questions Obama hadn't combined the "sacred" America he discussed during the campaign.

Obama's growth in the spring when Obama was elected, is seen as honorary degree at the leading US Catholic university Notre Dame. Dozens of US bishops denounced the university, and the local bishop personally de-banded to attend the ceremony.

Former US Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke, who announced his resignation, accused Obama of pursuing secular and utilitarian agendas. He called it a "betrayal" that Obama chose his first Q & A session in the north.

WORLD BRIEFS

US wiretapping of limited value, officials report

WASHINGTON—After the Bush administration had downplayed the prospect of wiretapping without warrants as a strict test that saved lives, a new government review released on Friday said the program's effectiveness in fighting terrorism was limited. The report, compiled by Congress but not sent and produced by the inspectors-general of the intelligence agencies, found that other intelligence tools used in assessing security threats posed by terrorists provided more timely and detailed information. More intelligence officials interviewed "had difficulty citing specific instances" when the National Security Agency's wiretapping program contributed to operations against terrorists, the report said. While the program obtained information that "had value in some counter-terrorism investigations," it generally played a limited role in the US's overall counterterrorism efforts, the report concluded. The CIA and other intelligence branches also downplayed the program, which allowed eavesdropping without warrants on the international communications of Americans, as a useful tool but could not be used to identify or investigate terror suspects, presumably in breach of the law. **BYT**

Honduras rivals agree to more talks

TEGUCIGALPA, Costa Rica—The Costa for power in Honduras agreed on Friday to hold more talks to seek a resolution to the crisis created by last month's coup, keeping alive hopes that dialogue would prevent civil war. The talks, mediated by Costa Rican President Jose Maria Figueres, took place in the capital of Tegucigalpa. The talks, which began on Friday, were the first of a series of talks between leaders representing the ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya and the military. Zelaya was ousted in June 2009. Figueres said the talks were a step toward a resolution to the crisis. He said the talks were a step toward a resolution to the crisis. He said the talks were a step toward a resolution to the crisis. **AP**

China raises Xinjiang death toll to 184

BEIJING, China—China on Saturday raised the death toll from violence between Han Chinese and Uygur Muslims to 184, as riot police and armed soldiers maintained a firm grip on the Xinjiang capital city of Urumqi. International concerns about the worst ethnic violence in China for decades continued, with Turkey raising the death toll by adding the deaths of the Uygurs, a kind of genocide. "China has sought to limit the debate over the violence to the initial violence in Urumqi, when some thousands of Uygurs took to the streets in a violent event that led to the deaths of many people," said a spokesman for Amnesty International. **AP**



Health Advisory

Influenza A(H1N1)

- Influenza A(H1N1) is a new virus causing illness and spreading easily from person-to-person, through coughing or sneezing of infected persons.
- The virus has caused mild illness in the majority of the affected patients, most of whom will fully recover in a few days, even without treatment.
- Even if the disease is mild, we should continue to be vigilant about our health.
- Cases can become serious among those with underlying medical conditions.



How To Know If You Have the Flu

Influenza A(H1N1) has the signs and symptoms similar to regular flu such as:

- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint pain
- Lack of appetite
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Cough

Some people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting.



What to Watch Out For

If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, see your doctor immediately.

In children, the emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention are:

- Fast breathing or difficulty in breathing (labored breathing)
- Bluish skin or lips
- Not drinking enough fluids or not feeding well
- Severe or repeated vomiting
- Drowsiness or not interacting as usual
- Irritability or not wanting to be held
- When flu-like symptoms subside but resume accompanied by worse coughing

In adults, the emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

Who are at High Risk

1. Those who have higher risk of serious complications and need to be given extra attention are:
 - children less than 5 years old and elderly person age 65 years and older
 - pregnant women
 - malnourished
2. Persons with chronic medical conditions such as:
 - asthma
 - uncontrolled diabetes
 - cardiovascular disease
 - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 - chronic liver or kidney disease
 - recipients of organ transplant
3. Those who are immunocompromised
4. Those suffering from other infections like HIV/AIDS and TB

These high-risk groups should immediately see a doctor, once they have the flu symptoms.





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'Really no such thing as coincidence'

THE WEDDING OF JOSEPH BY B. and Stephanie ("Bambi") Cipriano last June 20 is one that is still talked about for various reasons...from the parent guest list to the beautiful ceremony, but most of all for the couple's beautiful love story.

Bold or **Intrepid** do both Antonio Fariñ in *Porter's Luck*, Madrid, with candidate (read: by breaking through after weeks of exile, he was the son of two families—those of Joseph By. II, and wife Francisco of Prince William, and then and then (Third Captain of the Life Regiment).

The mixing and mingling were men and women who have played a part in different stages of the couple's lives. Attendants include Deborah Ochoaqui, 32, and wife Graham, Guisela Gomez, Manuel Panguelson, Carlos Chao, Clinton Campos-Hed, Dr. Roldando Borsari, Milagros Hiza, Robert Coyner Jr., Elise Lee, Paula "Bee Bee" Fong, and Dr. Quentin Lee-Chiu. Nine guests were Claudia Contreras and Stella Chao of Miami, representing the Italian designer boutique based the southeast couple will never bring to Miami.

The birds were a gorgeous, lime-tipped Red-Capped manna.

At the reception at Hotel Shangri-la, with the guests seated, the ballerinas, lightly dressed, a photo montage of the couple ran, a spotlight shone on the groom seated behind the grand piano. The groom played the beautiful Broadway piece "If I Were a Rich Man." Then the living momenta commenced playing the piano as the bride entered the ballroom. The groom and bride walked toward each other for their first dance to "Back in the U.S.S.R."

The hotel's father, Peter Caplan, brought the house down with his words: mark word by word and insightful advice. In a sense, he told daughter Diane, "Though I give you up today, I didn't give up easily. But this one can take away from me—but even your beloved knight, you will always be my baby girl, and I love you very, very much."

The nuptial Mass was beautiful. Officiating priest and the couple's guest priest Fr. Anthony Tin, director of Xavier School, Cavendish, shared their love story. Joseph and Diana studied at Newman de Manila.



THE COUPLE with their parents, Peter and Elena Caputo, Joseph Sr. and Pasquina "Maey" De



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University of St. Bonaventure (Sobrev), president of the union, and Fr. Norberto Que, director of Sobrev's Office of Admission and Retention, moderated the Mass, with Bishop Jimmy Dillie in attendance.

Except from Father's Day's family.

The couple's love story usually begins five years ago in an art gallery in Shanghai. Carlson Chan, a friend of Inoue's, was participating in a Japanese show. Inoue had just arrived in Shanghai from work oppor-

On their way to a restaurant that same night, Joseph managed to sit beside Nicole in the car and was immediately impressed by this girl, whom he described as "highly intelligent, straightforward, and very cool." After only five minutes of conversation, he already felt that Nicole was someone he wanted to see again... On their third meeting, he decided he was already in love with Nicole.

"But at the time, Bruce was just back out of college and had many other things on his mind....

This Joseph just ain't the type of guy who would let distance get in the way. The following years saw Joseph in Europe, the UK, Australia and Singapore. Do you think Joseph let all this time warp him? Not a bit. "I was pursuing his music," says Joseph. "So I was always staying late long-distance. In 2007, at the proper time—and after saving up his salary for the trip—Joe flew to New York, and with Kinless, drove to Cape Cod for a vacation. The special time together allowed them to get to know one another better, and they gave the relationship a new lease of life. It was a real turning point back to help sort for Joseph—a sign that the way was open to a more open and kind of relationship. When finally reached the deal was when Joseph introduced to a walk through Central Park and after finishing the project again, he flew back to America to be at his place there."

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spouse—But what girl would not fall for such charisms?

Finally, on a trip to Australia with their families, Joseph decided to embrace his old and marriage proposal. He took Steele out to dinner somewhere overlooking the Opera House in Chinatown and invited her for a walk by the sea. Then he got down on one knee in front of the Opera House and, just as fireworks lit up the night sky, asked her to be his wife. Steele was so surprised with Joseph's gesture (saying that she immediately said yes. But, of course, it was sheer coincidence—some formal was going on at the Embassy.

"What we think about it, this is of course not enough eyes of faith know that there is really no such thing as coincidences. Through all the apparent serendipities and chances, through all our decisions and even mistakes, God moves in our lives and his guidance is created we know it not. Learning is the story of Isaac and Joseph, a journey that has opened major cities in the world. I am convinced that our Lord, from all of eternity has created—on, on, on, made...Isaac and Joseph for each other."



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WIFE—Champion bowler Peng Hsueh-wei with his daughter and her husband, sister-in-law Lisa



COO—DOMA COK, here by Cocco Lopez, Marco Pineda, Bruce Cocco and Oscar Lopez



HABAT—Shang Ballroom guests Cassia Valdes, Rudy Cruz, general manager Boris Khazov and Shang Ballroom and marketing director Melissa Letichevsky



SMIT—James 'Dad' van der Merwe with wife and kids

Shopping, work, charity are part of being a mom

shopping bag full of items. These great ballroom moms must truly believe this phrase listed in our very first article in this series: In the end, it's all about the kids.

I laughed just as I was to share in this story about giving back. We read all the long letters in the end, and I had to share this story about giving back.

My name is Judy Kormanick. I am one of the moms who has been featured in the "Moms Who Give Back" series. I have been featured in the "Moms Who Give Back" series.



HAPPY—Aly, Sue Pineda, Kiki Apolonia and former president Cory Apolonia

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"UPSIDE—Joe Diaz, Carlos, Andres, Julia, Ivan and Jose Ivan Barrios with Sue Pineda



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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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CSW kids

Last weekend, I had the pleasure to play with my 10-year-old son, who is a member of the Children's National Summer Village of CSW camp in Santiago. This summer program for 11-year-olds has been in our country for over 50 years, and it is a great way to get kids to learn how to survive.

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Maria Isabel's 'Cannes' moment

Beauty queen relives glory days on the red carpet



MARIA Isabel Lopez with Bellaire Mendez

By Rapun San Diego Jr.

IT WAS LIKE DÉJÀ VU.

The way actress Maria Isabel Lopez recalls it, walking on the red carpet at the Cannes International Film Festival for the world premiere of Bellaire Mendez's "Wahay" was like reliving her glory days as the world's first representative to the Miss Universe pageant held in Lima, Peru in 1983.

"It was exciting, seeing the pagements, the crowd," she recalls in an exclusive interview. "I was honored, on French television. I felt so glamorous."

Lopez is no stranger to international film fests. Previous to the 2008 Paris's "Wahay" was shown at the Chicago Int'l and Cuban Int'l. "Wahay" was screened at the Miami and Berlin fests in the 1980s.

Like royalty

In her starring and guest by Chicago-based film director Peter Hillis, she felt every inch like royalty that night.

"To think she almost didn't make it to the festival was like I was oversteering in the US and I wouldn't go back to Manila to get awards and, which was the nightmare."

Remember, the French embassy in Los Angeles made an exception which she showed her official invitation from Cannes organizers.

In the past conference for "Wahay" in Cannes, she was asked if her previous role as a beauty queen would have adverse effects on her reputation at a historic film festival. "I answered that my movie career has nothing

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RAYA Martin

"Wahay" on July 18 at 2-4 p.m. at the Lopez Museum in Manila.

Martin, 25, is the first Filipino to be accepted at the prestigious Cannes festival. Recipient of the Cannes Film Festival award the film festival to have two entries at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival ("Independencia" and "Wahay").

His video collection called "Wahay" is one of the featured works in the exhibition "Double Take" ongoing at the Lopez Museum. Martin's video will be selling "Wahay" on August 22. He will be selling "Wahay" on August 22.

"Wahay" is open to the public. Call today at 02-2217 or e-mail info@raya-martin.com.

